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SUBJECT: FIRE FIGHTS IN LIMA

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- 1. THERE WERE WIDESPREAD FIRE FIGHTS BETWEEN GUARDIA CIVIL (POLICE) AND ARMY IN LIMA EARLY MORNING FEBRUARY 5. AT LEAST ONE SHOOTING INCIDENT WAS TRIGGERED BY ARMY USE OF TANKS (REPORTEDLY 19) AGAINST GUARDIA CIVIL AT EASTERN LIMA CUARTEL OF LA VICTORIA, WHERE GC IS ON SIT-DOWN STRIKE AND WHERE BULK OF ACTION APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME GUARDIA CIVIL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KILLED. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THIS DISPUTE BETWEEN PERUVIAN SECURITY FORCES.
- 3. THERE IS ONE REPORT THAT GUARDIA REPUBLICANA HAS GONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OUT ON STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SISTER POLICE ORGANIZATION,

THE GUARDIA CIVIL.

4. AS OF 8 A.M. FEBRUARY 5, LIMA WAS AGAIN CALM, WIH ONLY DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY ABSENCE OF GUARDIA CIVIL TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTIONS. LOCAL PRESS CARRIES NO NEWS OF STRIKE NOR IS INFORMATION FROM THE PROVINCES AVAILABLE YET. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER. DEAN

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